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Dear Josh:

You were quite right, as it turned out. Your paper which was circulated to my Symposium panel did have a considerable impact on them and was referred to by several of the speakers. Tatum in particular developed your main theme, but Luria, Muller and perhaps others also considered it. Very frankly, when I saw Tatum's first draft I expressed to him the opinion that he had digressed beyond the scope of the Symposium by dealing with euphenics more than as an area which would in itself foster further understanding of genetics. Nevertheless he left his full treatment in the final paper. When I discussed further with him yesterday why he had thought it inappropriate to include your paper, he said his principal reason was that the book should not be an "anthology" but a record of the Symposium as given and that this would refer to other relevant contributions, including yours, but should not include yours if it included no others that were not actually presented. I do not think he made this clear in the letter he had written me and that is why I misrepresented his opinion when I said that all those responding had given the reason I wrote you. Now that he made himself clear to me, I want to correct my misrepresentation of his reason.

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The Symposium came off very well. Muller really made a tremendous impact both on the audience and on the Panel members. He gave a powerful argument for his "parental selection" as more feasible and more effective for the short and long run than any mode of direct engineering.

With all best wishes to you and Esther and with real regrets that you didn't accept our invitation to participate in person,

As ever,

Tracy

T. M. Sonneborn